

# 'STONES ON FORM

**INCONSISTENT** Wycombe Wanderers have a tough task on their hands tomorrow (Saturday) when they travel to Granleigh Road to face a Leytonstone side fast approaching their top form.

The 'Stones last few results include a 2-0 triumph at Kingstonian, a 3-0 win at home to Bishop's Stortford and a 5-1 Essex Senior Cup quarter final success over Barking.

The secret of their rise seems to be in one or two changes in the line up. Tall forward John Ball has recently switched to midfield and Malcolm Smith, centre forward, has been hitting the target regualrly.

When one looks at the players in the Leytonstone side it seems difficult to believe they are seventh from the foot of the Isthmian table.

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Players like Tony Mackie, John Charles and Les Tilley. With those experienced campaigners are Mike Smith the hard centre half with Enfield last term and Bobby Page (ex-Barking).

Wanderers are difficult to analyse at the moment. Their inconsistency was demonstrated only last week when they struggled to beat a side second from the bottom of the table (Clapton) 1-0 and then rattled four goals past a Queens Park Rangers Combination side on Monday.

Undoubtedly the return of Tony Horseman made a great deal of difference to the Blues attack against QPR. "Bodger" notched two goals and looked to be right back to his old form.

Finishing is all that is needed at the moment. The performances of Alan Gane and Larry Pritchard ensure a stream of chances while the defence is sound.

**Gane, in fact, is scheduled to play a midweek game for Division 4 club Hereford United. Their scouts have seen Alan four times this season and must have been pleased with his fine goal against Clapton on Saturday.**

Wycombe should have a full squad to select from and it seems Horseman must return, either for Holifield or Amos.

Two games last week decided Wanderers' opponents in different competitions. Slough, who carry the Bucks flag in the Amateur Cup semi-final tomorrow against Bishop's Stortford at Watford — had some difficulty in beating Wokingham Town in the Berks and Bucks Senior Cup semi-final.

They were forced into extra time before winning 1-0. They meet Wycombe on Easter Monday in the final probably at Chesham, although this has yet to be confirmed.

The other match was the Horsham v Kingstonian Premier Midweek Floodlight League decider. Athenians Horsham ran out 2-0 winners and meet Wycombe at Loakes Park on Tuesday, April 17 in the semi-final.